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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER			CLIENT-MATTER NO. 66656-117 (P-PM 49552)	
SERIAL NO: 09/955,407	FILING DATE: 9/12/01	EXAMINER: C. Qian	GROUP ART UNIT: 1636 CONFIRMATION NO.: 1602	
INVENTION: METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING A PREFERRED LIVER TRANSPLANT DONOR				

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Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 11, 2003, in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time is enclosed (in duplicate).
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer with fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d) is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claims fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claims fee is required and has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	NUMBER AFTER AMEND- MENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENTED		RATE			FEE	
							SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY		SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY
TOTAL CLAIMS	34	-	34	-	0	x	\$9	\$18	=	\$	\$0.00
INDEPEN- DENT CLAIMS	3	-	3	-	0	x	\$42	\$84	=	\$	\$0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			____ YES		____ X ____ NO		\$140	\$280	=	\$	\$0.00
							TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE			\$	\$0.00

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- X Please charge my Deposit Account No. 502624 the amount of \$410.00, which covers the fee for a two-month extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502624. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,



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PATENT

Client-Matter No.: 66656-117 (P-PM 4953)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
Hugo R. Rosen)
Serial No.: 09/955,407)
Filed: September 12, 2001)
For: METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING A)
PREFERRED LIVER)
TRANSPLANT DONOR)

Confirmation No.: 1602
Group Art Unit: 1636
Examiner: C. Qian

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed
February 11, 2003, consideration of the following remarks is
respectfully requested.

Claims 1-34 are pending and have been restricted under
35 U.S.C. § 121 into the following groups:

- Group I : Claims 1-24, drawn to a method of identifying
a preferred liver transplant donor by
determining a polymorphic site that is
associated with a tumor necrosis factor; and
- Group II : Claims 25-34, drawn to a method for limiting
the severity of recurrence of hepatitis C in
a liver transplant recipient.

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The Examiner requests that one of the groups of claims be elected for examination. Although the restriction requirement is traversed for the reasons set forth below, Applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-24, for examination.

The Restriction Requirement is traversed with respect to the division of the claims of Group I from the claims of Group II. It is submitted that a thorough search of the claims of either group will likely reveal art relevant to the examination of the claims of the other group. Thus, a search of the claims of Group I will, of necessity, reveal information relevant to the examination of the claims of Group II and, therefore, division of the claims into these groups would result in duplicative searches. Therefore, examination of the claims of Group II with the claims of Group I together should not be an undue burden on the Examiner.


Applicant has elected the claims of Group I for examination. Applicant respectfully requests that the Restriction Requirement be reconsidered and that the claims of Group II be examined with the claims of Group I. The Examiner is

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invited to call Cathryn Campbell or the undersigned agent if
there are any questions.

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